

the goal of National Work and Family Month is to encourage all employers to pause once a year in October, take stock of the progress that has been made to creating great places to work, and move the bar up one notch, thus setting a new goal for the year to come. This is the way progress is accomplished, one step at a time. Today we recognize the importance of setting aside this time.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICHARD PERKINS

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Richard Perkins.

Richard has dedicated his life to serving his fellow Nevadans and giving back to the Southern Nevada community. After growing up in Boulder City and Henderson, Richard graduated from Basic High School and subsequently the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science. Following his graduation from UNLV, Richard began a long and illustrious career with the Henderson Police Department in 1984. He has served as the Chief of Police for the Henderson Police Department since 2006.

In addition to Richard's dedicated service as a police officer and first responder, he admirably served in the Nevada State Legislature for a number of years. In 1993, Richard was first elected to the Nevada Assembly and served for five subsequent regular sessions. During his time in the legislature, Richard distinguished himself, becoming the Democratic Floor Leader in 1995, the Chairman of the Legislative Commission from 1997–1998, and the Majority Floor Leader from 1997–1999. He served as the Speaker of the Nevada State Assembly in 2001.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor my good friend, Richard Perkins. Richard's tireless dedication to his fellow Nevadans and the Southern Nevada community are admirable and should serve as an example of a life dedicated to service. I thank Richard for his efforts, and wish him the best in his retirement and all his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DERON MICHAEL WILLIAMS

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of U.S.A. Olympic Team member Deron Michael Williams for his contribution to the U.S. men's basketball team in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Deron Michael Williams was born on June 26, 1984 in Parkersburg, WV and later moved to Texas with his mother, who planted a love for basketball inside him. Deron's success began when he played as a point guard for the Colony High School Cougars. His passion for basketball paid off and he was recruited by the University of Illinois. Deron gained national

attention when he helped get his team to the National Championships, and was named one of the Big Ten's Best Players.

Deron was also awarded the position of third pick by the Utah Jazz in the NBA draft. His intensity and drive revitalized the Jazz and brought renewed energy to the team, and he was awarded the NBA Skills Champion title earlier this year. Deron's hard work led him to the U.S.A. Olympic Team, where he and his teammates brought home the gold.

Deron's role on the U.S.A. Olympic Basketball Team helped bring positive attention to America, and with his team, helped contribute to the spirit of the Olympics. As a Member of Congress, I am proud to stand before you today and boast of the accomplishments of a man like Deron Williams, whose professional accomplishments began in my own district as the point guard for the Colony Cougars. Deron, thank you for your unselfish dedication both on and off the court and for your role in representing America.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would like to offer a personal explanation of the reason I missed rollcall votes 637–644 on September 25, 2008. I was in my congressional district attending a funeral for a fallen service member.

I respectfully request that it be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that if present, I would have voted rollcall vote No. 637, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 1490, "nay"; rollcall vote No. 638, On Agreeing to the Resolution, H. Res. 1490, "nay"; rollcall vote No. 639, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 758, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 640, On Ordering the Previous Question, H. Res. 1501, "nay"; rollcall vote No. 641, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, H. Con. Res. 255, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 642, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended, H.R. 1014, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 643, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, H.R. 6950, "aye"; rollcall vote No. 644, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree, as Amended, H. Res. 1421, "aye."

TRAVEL PROMOTION ACT OF 2008

SPEECH OF

HON. WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, as Members of Congress who have long been strong proponents of American small businesses, we were pleased to include a small business representative on the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Travel Promotion established under H.R. 3232, the Travel Promotion Act of 2008, which was recently passed by the House of Representatives.

Small businesses are the foundation of the American economy and play an integral role in

the travel and tourism industry. A small business representative on the board would offer a unique perspective on promoting travel to the United States. As such, it is imperative that this individual has significant, recent or current experience operating or being integrally involved in a small business' operation.

We look forward to enactment of the Travel Promotion Act, and to the small business representative on the Corporation for Travel Promotion's board being a strong voice for small business in this country.

IN HONOR OF TAIWAN'S NATIONAL DAY

HON. JIM RAMSTAD

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. RAMSTAD. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud member of the Congressional Taiwan Caucus to congratulate Taiwan on its 97th National Day on October 10.

The people of Taiwan have many reasons to celebrate and be proud of their country. Having elected President Ma Ying-jeou, the Taiwanese have returned the KMT party back to power, thereby effectively passing Huntington's "two-turnover test of democratic consolidation." By successfully transitioning from one party to another and back to the original party, the people of Taiwan have proven their democracy is flourishing.

Today, Taiwan is a vibrant democracy with a strong market economy thanks to its strong ties with the United States. Under the new Ma administration, Taiwan will only seek to fortify these ties and continue to prosper as a nation.

Madam Speaker, I would also be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to push for the 111th Congress to pass a Free Trade Agreement with Taiwan. Taiwan is the United States' ninth largest trading partner, with trade flows between the two totaling \$64.6 billion last year. A Free Trade Agreement expand trade and improve economic growth, provide enhanced opportunities for U.S. businesses and support an important democratic ally in a strategic region. It is time we put our differences aside and pass this legislation which is long overdue.

COMMENDING THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 490 AND LADIES AUXILIARY UNIT 490

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, I am privileged to recognize American Legion Post 490 and the Ladies Auxiliary Unit 490 of Houston, Texas for their outstanding service to the Houston area in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike.

American Legion Post 490 is located near Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base in Southeast Houston and enjoys 1,448 active members—one of the largest posts in the Department of Texas. Their hard work following Hurricane Ike as a non-profit veteran service organization is a true testament to their ongoing efforts to serve local communities.

Despite damage by the storm on the Post's main hall, Adjutant Bob Burrows of American Legion Post 490 and President Lisa Reeves of Ladies Auxiliary Unit opened their doors to the thousands of people still without power to utilize the facility as a registration site for FEMA assistance. They also took the initiative to ensure food, water and ice was available to affected individuals.

The American Legion Post 490 and Ladies Auxiliary Unit 490 dedicated themselves to the recovery efforts of the Houston area, Southeast Texas is grateful for the generosity of the Post's officers, members and auxiliary unit, and I am proud of their noble service to the victims of Hurricane Ike.

CONGRATULATING CAROLINE ROSE HUNT, RECIPIENT OF THE 2008 VIRGINIA CHANDLER DYKES LEADERSHIP AWARD

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Caroline Rose Hunt on receiving the annual Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award.

The Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award is presented to Dallas residents who demonstrate a commitment to developing a strong community. The Award is a testament to care, commitment, and leadership given by Hunt to cultural and charitable organizations.

Ms. Hunt is an accomplished entrepreneur, author, humanitarian, and grandmother of nineteen. She is a vice-chair and co-founder of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Foundation where she was nationally recognized by the Tocqueville Society. Ms. Hunt is also the cochair of the Ralph Rogers Society of KERA television and chairwoman of the Crescent Club Board. Ms. Hunt has been honored with the Award for Excellence from the Dallas Historical Society, and named "One of 50 Most Powerful Women in the U.S.A." by Ladies Home Journal.

Ms. Hunt is a graduate of the University of Texas, and was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 2006. She has served as a trustee of Mary Baldwin College, where she began her academic career. Ms. Hunt was named the first woman deacon of Highland Park Presbyterian Church, where she also chaired the Early Childhood Division.

Madam Speaker, today it is my honor to recognize the achievements of Ms. Caroline Rose Hunt. She has demonstrated a level of commitment and accomplishment that is truly extraordinary, and deserves our sincere appreciation and respect. It is a privilege to represent Mrs. Hunt in the 26th District of Texas. I look forward to observing the positive impact she will continue to have on our communities.

TRIBUTE TO HURRICANE IKE VOLUNTEERS

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, in the midst of the most devastating storm to hit our

shores in 50 years, the true colors of Texas were evident in each and every volunteer.

Before, during and especially after Hurricane Ike hit, Texans helped each other through this disaster. Neighbors helped neighbors with everything from boarding up windows to providing shelter to helping pick up the pieces. Many, Southeast Texans opened their homes to their evacuated neighbors, some cooking hot meals, others offering a helping hand and a kind smile.

Countless volunteers showed up at the congressional mobile office I helped set up. Many volunteers had no power or homes themselves, but remained dedicated to helping those worse off get back on their feet. Others flew in from out of town, arriving without knowing where they would stay that night, but knowing that they needed to help.

Volunteers at the congressional mobile office helped sign in individuals, assisted in helping those that spoke a number of different languages, aided people in the FEMA application process, answered questions, helped with traffic control, and assisted in the distribution of ice, water, and MRE's to those in need.

I am extremely grateful for the hundreds of individuals who have assisted and continue to assist in the recovery efforts of Hurricane Ike. The following individuals joined our efforts:

Grisehda Abeliz, Carl Aldridge, Mathew Aleman, Robert Andris, Storilyn Applegate, Peter Archambault, Derek Arkadie, Jennifer Arndorfer, Addie Arnold, Patricia Arp, Shaneck Backler, Jesse Baldez, Silvestre Banda, Kara Bartow, Donna Batchler, Dona Bautista, Veronica Bautista, Joan Baxter, Savannah Beberil, Tawayne Bell, Khristian Benjamin, Raveena Bhalara, Barbara Bigge, Elizabeth Briones, Bermuda Brittingham, Diana Brown, Quinten Burkes, Kimberly Burkes, Karla Cabrera, Stephen Caldwell, Sheryl Caldwell, Chauanchom Campbell, Antonio Capistran, Charlie Caplan, Nona Caradine, Cesar Carmona, Cristina Carmona, Maryanne Carrasco, Kim Chambles, Radia Chandani, Donna Chandler, Danielle Chandler, Matt Cherches, Gisela Cherches, Kay Cherry, Eugene Chevis, Joyce Cisneros, Leonard Coapiron, Charlene Cockelt, Reddie Collins, Laura Cortez, Roger Creery, John Cross, Raul Cruz, Martha Cruz, Angela Daney, Rebecca Daniel, Ascencion Dantes, Daphne Davis, Michael Dawson, Diane De Leon, Yvette De Los Santos, Teal De la Garza, Diana Brown DeLeon, Tiffani Dennis, Amber Dennis, Annie Dennis, Jennifer Diaz, Darlene Dobes, C.F. Douglas, Joan Douglas, Becky Eastep, Lette Edward, Ryan Eisenman, Bonnie Engh, Anthony Epison, James Esqueda, Carletta Everett, Raslyne Faison, Robert Farias, Mike Finn, Stephen Firestone, Rigoberto Flores, Iranda Flowers, Sara Foster, Karen Fountain, Martha Fraga, Tiffany Franer, Cherie Frazier, Denny Friday, Yre Friday, Michelle Fryberger, Gregoria Fuentes, Wanoa Gage, Eva Gallegos, Victor Garcia, Marcos Garcia,

Mercedes Garcia, Jordan Gartner, Alma Garza Gawlik, Lisa Gillock, Amanda Gomet, Janie Gomez, Elizabeth Gonzales, Arushary Goodwill, LaVern Gordon, Tessa Gourash, Cat Graham, Gus Guerrero, Kimberlee Guerrero, Danielle Guerrero, Guadalupe Gutierrez, Lee Hall, Fred Hamilton, June Hanke, Susan Harting, Brian Hartwig, Meagan Harvey, Thelma Hawkins, Jael Hayood, Morgan Heeke, Andres Hernandez, Sarah Higginbotham, Norris Hill, Beatrice Hill, Austen Holley, Juan Homez, David Howard, Victoria Huynh, David Huynh, Phung Huynh, Dunct Huynh, Arareli Ibarra, Lillian Jenkins, Eontine Jett, Hope Johnson, Ann Johnson, Maggie Johnson,

Eligh Johnson, Dre Johnson, Larrilyan Jones, Janice Jones, Latasha Jordan, Willie Kelly, Mohammad Khan, J.J. Kim, Doug Kimble, Amanda Kinnebrew, Ernest Kinnebrew, Patrick Kolb, Melody Lacy, Helen Lacy-Pope, Gloria Lafnette, David Lanagan, Michelle Landin, Britney Laws, Andrew Laws, Ben Lebrun, Michael Leopold, Johnny Letman,

Joyce Lewis, Elsie Little, Roberto Llorente, Merlina Llorente, Melissa Lopez, Ruth Lopez, Miriam Lopez, Jenny Luna, Gary Magness, Denise Maldett, Denise Mallett, Concepcion Mares, Ruben Mariduena, John Marinos, Marilyn Marinos, Jacqueline Marion, Deanna Martin, Kenyarda Martin, Sylvia Masters, J.R. Max, Yulanda McGuire, Molly McKee, Sylvia Medina, John Medina, Nicole Medina, Jamie Medina, Andy B. Medina, Don Meyers, Patricia Midan, Lakeitia Miller, Edward Miller, Sarina Miller,

Jamarr Miller, Albert Moreno, Esmeralda Moreno, Bronson Morill, Sheryl Muller, Misty Munley, Francisco Munoz, Don Myers, Mujteba Naqui, Lan Thi Nguyen, Carl Nix, Elaine Nix, David Noe, Gwendolyn Norris, Victor Ocanas, Tiffany Orandi, Phyllis Padron, Jane Paredex, Brenda Parker, Maggie Parks, Elfrin Patten, Wesley Paulson, Chase Payne, Anna Pennacchi, Madelon Perez, Alesia Perez, Guadalupe Perez, Fay Perkins, Tracy Perry, Cecilia Pham, Shelly Piomb, Arthur Pisana, Luke Pittman,

Cyndy Posey, Rick Pounter, Juawanna Powell, Margaret Prejean, Courtney Pryor, Debbie Pryor, Gloria Pulido, Tressa Pulliam, David Purvis, Jose Quezada, Marvelia Quezada, Alonso Quintanille, Yolanda Quintanille, Rupen Radia, Chandano Radva, Mike Ramirez, Briselda Ramirez, Mike Reeves, Letitia Ride, Jessica Rienhart, Julia Riman, Mackenzie Rita, Carol Rittenhour, Matthew Robbins, Desiree Roberts, Doug Rosbrough, Arthur Rosbrough, Kathleen Rose, Sylvia Royster, Tyson Ruhman, James Russell,

Maria Saldiver, Rosemarie Sanchez, Steven Sartor, Janet Schell, Chris Schillinger, Donna Scholes, Jeanne Schultz, Reid Scofield, Carver Shivers, Leonard Siple, Harold W. Sjogren, Carol Smith, Tracy Smith, Robert Smith, Paula Smith, Edwin Smith, Philip Smith, Estelle Sowell, Josephine Sowell, Shannon Sowell, Velma Sumra, Putu Sutjita, Mika Tabata, Lynn Taylor, Ginger Terry, Kim Kind Tezino, D.D. Tezino, Darren Thompson, Christine Thompson, Vicki Underwood, Elisa Valdez,

Raph Valverde, Cynthia Van Ostenbridge, Ruben Vargas, Angeline Varlet, Jeri Veile, Marisela Vela, Chezham Vela, Kenyon Vonters, Jason Voth, Helen Wait, Jonathan Waller, Zachary Walter, Barbara Walton, Kelly Waterman, Amanda Jo Webb, Micheal Weida, Scott Welch, Jackie Willard, Yolanda Williams, D'Ani Williams, Amber Williams, Nevin Williams, Herman Wilson, Geraldine Wise, Scott Wise, Cynthia Wood, Jaymie Woods, Javon Woods, Annie Xiang, Albert Zertuche

PAYING TRIBUTE TO BYRON LARUE MILLER

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 26, 2008

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, it is my distinct pleasure to rise today to honor the life of